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FM AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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SUBJ: INDONESIAN VIEWS ON GOP-MNLF TALKS

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH EMBOFF FEB 4, INDONESIAN EMBASSY MINISTER-COUNSELLOR SUROSO RAISED THE SUBJECT OF GOP-MNLF TALKS AND SAID THAT GOI WAS "UPSET" ABOUT TALKS IN THE FIRST PLACE, AND IS NOT SURPRISED AT THEIR FAILURE. SUROSO SAID GOI IS PUZZLED WHY PRESIDENT MARCOS RUSHED INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH MNLF AND HE CRITICIZED MARCOS FOR ALLOWING ISLAMIC SECRETARY-GENERAL AL-TOHAMY TO ARRANGE JIDDA MEETING. SUROSO CHARACTERIZED JIDDA TALKS AS "PREMATURE" AND SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN HELD UNTIL DIPLOMATIC GROUNDWORK WAS BETTER PREPARED. ALTHOUGH HE ACKNOWLEDGED THERE MAY BE SOME HOPE IF SECOND SESSION IS HELD IN APRIL, SUROSO SAID THAT ANY TALKS HELD WITH AL-TOHAMY'S INVOLVEMENT WILL PROBABLY NOT BE SUCCESSFUL.

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2. COMMENTING ON AL-TOHAMY'S ROUND ROBIN VISITS TO JAKARTA, MANILA, AND KUALA LUMPUR BEFORE JIDDA TALKS, SUROSO SAID PRIME MINISTER RAZAK AND OTHER GOM OFFICIALS WERE "ANGRY" WITH MARCOS FOR ALLOWING AL-TOHAMY TO PROCEED, AND GAVE SUROSO THE IMPRESSION THAT THEY SAW MARCOS' ENCOURAGEMENT OF AL-TOHAMY AS YET FURTHER EVIDENCE OF PHILIPPINE BAD FAITH IN SEEKING SOLUTION TO MUSLIM PROBLEM. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO SUROSO, THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN TRADITIONAL GOM STANCE THAT SOUTHERN FILIPINO PROBLEM MUST BE SOLVED BY MARCOS AND GOP WITHOUT HELP FROM MALAYSIA.

3. REGARDING POSSIBLE TRIP BY PRES. SUHARTO TO MIDDLE EAST, SUROSO SAID THAT HE MAY GO "AT THE END OF THE YEAR." SUHARTO, SUROSO REMARKED, IS RELUCTANT TO GO TO THE MIDDLE EAST WITH "SO MANY UNSETTLED ISSUES" IN MIDDLE EAST RELATIONS WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA.
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